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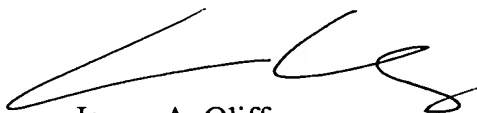
Claims 1-14, 18, 19, 21-24 and 26 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 1-14 are allowed, and claims 18, 19, 21-24 and 26 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 18, 19, 21 and 24 are rewritten in independent form to place claims 18, 19, 21-24 and 26 in condition for allowance. In addition, claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 26 are amended in view of the objection to claim 15 to overcome the rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, and to obviate informalities. Claims 15-17, 20, 25, 27 and 28 are canceled.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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